

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

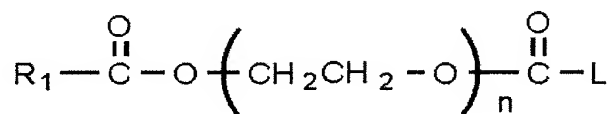
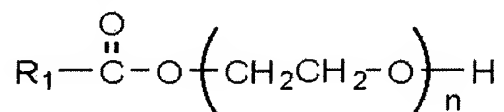
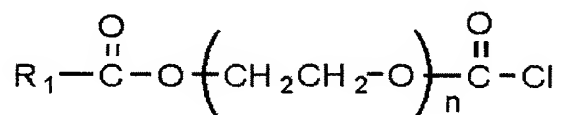
Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A method for preparing an ester bleach activator compound expressed by the following Chemical Formula 1, the method comprising:

(A) preparing a fatty acid monoester having the structure of the following Chemical Formula 2;

(B) making a chloroformate having the structure of the following Chemical Formula 3 by reacting the fatty acid monoester with at least one selected from the group consisting of phosgene, diphosgene and triphosgene in the presence of base; and

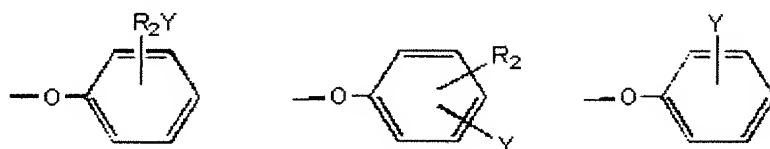
(C) reacting the chloroformate with hydroxybenzene, its derivatives, or its salts in water,

Chemical Formula 1Chemical Formula 2Chemical Formula 3

where, in the Chemical Formulas 1, 2 and 3, R₁ is a linear or branched

alkyl of 1 to 19 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl of 1 to 19 carbon atoms, or a mixture of at least two selected from them, n is an integer from 1 to 10, and L is one selected from the group having the structure of the following Chemical Formula 4,

Chemical Formula 4



where, in the Chemical Formula 4, R₂ is alkyl of 1 to 20 carbon atoms or alkenyl of 1 to 20 carbon atoms, Y is one selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, chlorine, bromine, SO₃M, CO₂M and OSO₂M, and M is one selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkaline metal ions, ammonium ion and equivalent alkali earth metal ions.

2. (Previously presented) The method for preparing an ester bleach activator compound according to claim 1,

wherein the fatty acid monoester of the step (A) is prepared by reacting fatty acid with ethylene glycol or ethylene oxide.

3. (Previously presented) The method for preparing an ester bleach activator compound according to claim 1, wherein a reaction temperature of the step (B) is kept in the range of 10 to 40°C.

4. (Currently amended) The method for preparing an ester bleach activator compound according to claim 1,

wherein the content of the water ~~is~~ weighs 10 to 60 wt% ~~on the basis~~ of the total ~~weight~~ amount of (1) the water, (2) an chloroformate and (3)

hydroxybenzene, its derivatives or its salts.

5. (Previously presented) The method for preparing an ester bleach activator compound according to claim 1, wherein a reaction temperature and a reaction time of the step (C) are respectively in the ranges of 20 to 100°C and 0.1 to 5 hours.